not think he will live long. Mr Barnes said he was afraid he would never be so happily situated again. assured us of their satisfaction in regard to him. I had forgotten to say that they could not carry his bedstead & left it for them trouble.

We are getting along as well as we can in these hard times. every thing as usual I have no time to tell you the passing news but wait untill I see you. It was some time before I could give it up that you would not be here when Mr O left.

With regard to the state of religion it is very dull times in the village, it is astonishing how soon their prayer meeting are given up, Evening Parties in their stead, Pride & Vanity but our neighbourhood sustain 2 prayer Meetings in a week, & they are interesting. Erastus expects to unite with the church next Sabbath.

Your farm is surveyed by the Bishops often, they want it for Joseph. Perhaps they will come & see you. Anson wanted us to ask you if you was willing to pay him the six dollars if you got Mr Os money. We are all well The children all send love. Hoping to see you soon I remain yours affectionately Mary L Phelps.

Mrs. M. L. Phelps,
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Dear Aunt

I have delayed writing a week or two hoping to get matters all settled. but as they are not I will just drop you a line. Mr Hez Barnes came for Mr Olmsted the 15 of July & left on the 17th. Upon enquiry he found that Mr Woodbridge had failed & told him there was but a few dollars due you. We made out the bill & Erastus went there with him & Mr W. chose to wait & see you saying you had some account there. but I read them your [illegible] that the business must be settled before Mr O left. Mr B. said it would make no difference, that Mr Francis O would not suffer you to lose it if Mr Woodbridge had spent his money & he would guarantee it should be paid. the bill was sent on to New York accompanied with a letter from Mr Barnes & we expected it last Saturday. I think they will make you wait untill his pension is due, in Sept. because I think Mr W. has used Mr O's money. But do not give yourself any trouble. for I doubt not it will be paid. They took every thing that belonged to him that was worth a 6 pence even his old greasy frock coat which I would not suffer him to wear it was not worth carrying. He has gone to live with Jim & Francis gives him the same that he paid here he has no way to support himself and has nothing except what is given him. Mr Olmsted was dragged away as much against his mind as Aunt Polly was. I cried like a child I was so sorry for him I do